

22. (new) The method of claim 12, wherein the composition further comprises an adjuvant.

23. (new) The method of claim 12, wherein the allergenic activity of the derivative is less than 50% of the allergenic activity of the allergenic protein from which it is derived.

### REMARKS

Claims 12-23 are pending in the current application. Claims 1-11 have been canceled and claims 12-23 have been added to conform canceled claims 1-11 to domestic practice. Support for claims 12-23 is found in, *inter alia*, original claims 1-11. This amendment is believed to introduce no new matter, and thus, its entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for examination. If for any reason, the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number provided.

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